

## Marvel at the Cars and Support Local Charities



When you attend the 22nd Annual Labor Day Car Show on September 6, every dollar you spend will be donated to local charities. Now that restrictions on gathering sizes have been lifted, event organizers are hoping to raise more than \$25,000 this year.

The two biggest beneficiaries of the car show proceeds are Life with Cancer and the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. Wendy Baird, development director for NVTRP, said the donation from the car show is one of the largest gifts her organization receives each year. They use the funding to care for their horses and maintain their 17-acre O'Shaughnessy Farm in Clifton.

"Our partnership with the Labor Day

Car Show is key to ensuring hundreds of children with disabilities, recovering veterans, and others in need in our community can experience the magic of riding and working with horses," Baird said.

Admission is free for the car show, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on University Drive, in front of Fire Station 3. The car show is sponsored by the Clifton Lions Club, Capital Ale House, and the City of Fairfax. For those who are unable to attend but still want to support the charities' missions, tax-deductible donations can be made online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The fee to show a vehicle is \$25 per entry. All participants will receive a commemorative cap when they pre-register. *Email [carshowmgmt@gmail.com](mailto:carshowmgmt@gmail.com) to learn more, or visit [labordaycarshow.org](http://labordaycarshow.org).*

## 45TH ANNUAL FALL Festival

**The Fall Festival is Back!**

After a year in which the pandemic necessitated a virtual Fall Festival – we're back! You're invited to celebrate the return of the annual Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on October 9 in Old Town Fairfax.

What started out as a small market for artisans to display their wares has grown to a regionally renowned festival with more than 400 vendors of arts, crafts, information, and gourmet food. This year's festival will include children's activities and three stages of music and entertainment for all ages. The evening concert will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Old Town Square.

Even though the Fall Festival has become a must-attend regional event, the annual autumnal celebration is still Fairfax City's hometown festival. We look forward to seeing you in historic Old Town Fairfax! *Info: [fairfaxfallfestival.com](http://fairfaxfallfestival.com).*

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# CITY NEWS

## Virginia Sales Tax Holiday, August 6-8

Virginia's annual tax holiday is here! From August 6-8, purchase qualified items tax-free: clothing and footwear; school supplies; hurricane and emergency preparedness items; and Energy Star and WaterSense products. See what items qualify and make your shopping list today. *Info: [tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday](http://tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday).*

## Back to School, August 23

Students return to Fairfax County Public Schools, Northern Virginia Community College, and George Mason University. Be sure students are properly immunized. For information on Fairfax County Public School immunization requirements, visit [fcps.edu](http://fcps.edu) (search "immunization"). Fairfax County Health Department provides free immunizations for FCPS students. *Info: [fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization).*

Safety tips for school zones:

- Obey speed limits in school zones.
- Stop for school buses where students are loading or unloading.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Look out for students throughout the community, but especially on crosswalks and near schools.

## Brass Band Music from the 1800s, August 28

Enjoy *Brass Band Music from the 1800s* at a free outdoor concert at 2 p.m. on August 28 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. The 8th Green Machine Regiment Band will perform polkas and waltzes from the dawn of American Brass Band Movement to quick steps and marches performed during the American Civil War.

Bring low chairs and blankets for seating. *Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Brass Band Music"), 703-591-0560.*

## Registered Voters, Earn \$150 on Election Day

Registered voters may earn \$150 serving as Fairfax City officers of election for the November 2 General Election. Duties include checking in voters, issuing ballots and monitoring voting equipment. *Apply online; visit [fairfaxva.gov/vote](http://fairfaxva.gov/vote).*

## Arts Grant Applications Accepted

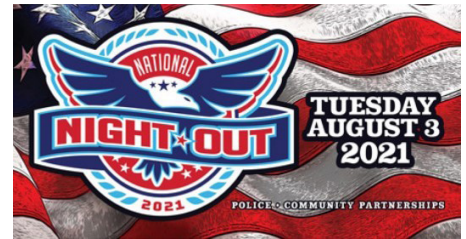
The City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts offers grants to arts organizations that serve Fairfax City. These grants are bestowed to support the creation of art and to contribute to the education of the public and artists alike. Applications are due by 5 p.m. September 24. *Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "arts grant").*

## Community Farmers Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Fresh fruits and vegetables are just some of the many attractions of the community farmers markets held twice a week and sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition.

10500 Page Ave. (across from Truro Church), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays ([fairfaxsatdaymarket.com](http://fairfaxsatdaymarket.com));

9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Sundays ([fairfaxsundaymarket.com](http://fairfaxsundaymarket.com)).



## National Night Out

The 38th Annual National Night Out will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, August 3, rain or shine. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much more. *Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "National Night Out").*



# COUNCIL REPORTER

**PLEASE NOTE:** summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and click on "City Meetings."

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JUNE 8, 2021

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration to approve a resolution adopting the 2021 Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Fairfax.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public hearing on the Warwick Avenue, McLean Avenue, and Fairfax Boulevard Intersection Improvements project. *No Council action taken.*
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 74 (Solid Waste) to prohibit the use of plastic bags for yard waste.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JUNE 22, 2021

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved unanimously: Consideration of approval of a road closure for the July 25, 2021 Old Town Fairfax Business Association (OTFBA) Asian Festival on Main pursuant to the City Council Road Closure Policy (approved after discussion); Consideration of adoption of the Two-Year Transportation Program for FY 22/23 funding applications; Consideration of a resolution to approve and adopt the city's bicycle plan, Bike Fairfax City; Consideration of a resolution expressing the City Council's concurrence with efforts to inform residents and the medical community regarding the risks of traveling to the People's Republic of China for organ transplants, and to raise awareness of, and express opposition to, state-sponsored forced organ harvesting from certain political prisoners, minorities and religious groups (approved after discussion); Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the standard project agreement with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for the North-fax West project approved in NVTA's FY 2020-2025 Six-Year Program; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$41,434 for replacement of CUE's NextBus equipment.



## Neighorly Samaritan

Fairfax City is brimming with quiet, unassuming residents who make their neighborhoods better through small acts of kindness and generosity. Their civic-mindedness and commitment to their communities make the city a desirable place to live for so many. Longtime Assembly resident Ed Burton maintains a low profile, but his neighborly spirit hasn't gone unnoticed. In fact, Nabil Ali described Burton as the "best neighbor a neighborhood could have."

Burton, who has made the Assembly his home since 1987, grew up on a farm in rural northeastern Ohio, where he "was raised to help everybody you could and be kind." Burton, a retiree, describes the Assembly as a great neighborhood with great people. Ali credits Burton as one of the main reasons for this.

"He lives at the head of the neighborhood, which is great because it provides him the opportunity to watch over the Assembly," says Ali. Burton alerts neighbors when their tags are about to expire – they are grateful when he helps them avoid a ticket – and helps people manage their trash and recycling bins.

Gardening is in Burton's blood – his vegetable garden includes tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers – and he encourages neighbors to help themselves to the homegrown bounty. The neighborhood also enjoys his colorful flowers. Ali says Burton gives gifts on special occasions, citing a time when his young son received a toy Tesla after mentioning how much he liked the cars.

"He will check on your house, pets, and plants for long vacations or short trips," says Ali. "He offers valuable advice and suggestions all the time. He knows everyone in the Assembly and is always willing to help anyone and everyone. He is my son's best friend and my kids love him. He is a great role model, and when I reach that point of my life, I hope I can act with that care and kindness."

"Fairfax City is a great city to live in," says Burton, who is doing to his part to ensure it remains that way.

**Do you know a City Samaritan?**  
Please share their story with us at [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov).



# Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety is a Two-Way Street

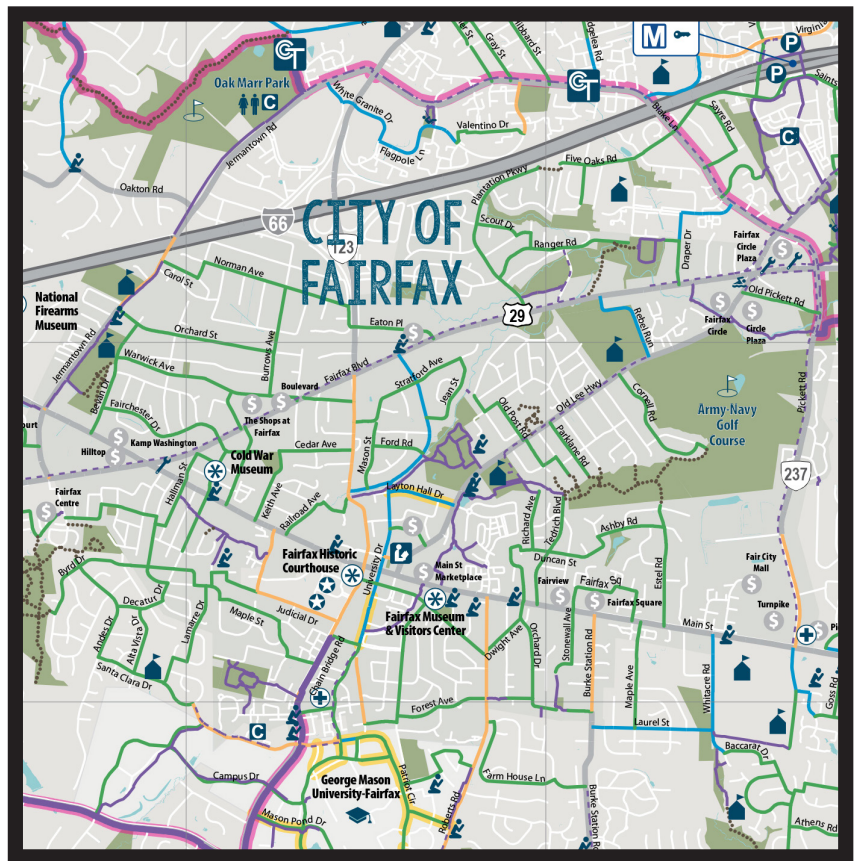
Drivers must follow the laws in place to protect pedestrians and cyclists. This includes obeying the speed limit, making complete stops, and yielding to non-motorists. But smart driving is only half of the solution to preventing unnecessary injuries and deaths. Walkers, joggers, and cyclists need to follow the rules, too, and be aware of their surroundings. If we all put away our phones, take off our headphone and earbuds, pay attention, and adhere to the laws, pedestrians and cyclists will feel safer – and be safer – sharing the streets.

According to an analysis of State Highway Safety Offices data, 6,721 pedestrians were killed on U.S. roads in 2020, up 4.8 percent from 2019. Please remember to drive like every pedestrian is your friend, neighbor, or family member. You'd want other drivers to do the same for your loved ones, right?

Fairfax City is committed to making communities more walkable and safer for non-motorists. We recently completed three sidewalk projects and two traffic calming projects. Five sidewalk projects are in the design phase, as well as two multimodal improvement projects and a crosswalk. Several other off-street trail projects and sidewalk connections are planned – all with the goal of making walking and bicycling safer and more appealing in the city.

## Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Be predictable. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Stay alert at all times. Don't be distracted by electronic devices that



## BIKE MAP KEY

- Purple/Green – beginners and family
- Blue – suitable for most adults
- Orange/Dark Gray – experienced cyclists

take your eyes and ears off the road.

- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

## Cycling Safety Tips

- Wear a helmet and reflective clothing. Secure loose pant legs and shoelaces.
- Ride defensively by anticipating the actions of other road users and watch for road hazards.
- Pass with care because turning vehicles may not be able to see you.
- Maximize visibility by using reflective tape on your bicycle, along with required bike lights.
- Avoid blind spots and give large vehicles plenty of room to maneuver. A new law went into effect July 1

that requires motor vehicle drivers to change lanes when overtaking a bicycle when the lane is not wide enough for the overtaking motor vehicle to pass at least three feet to the left of the cyclist. The law also allows cyclists to ride two abreast instead of single file, which will make cyclists easier to see.

Visit the *Cycling in the City* webpage for maps and information: on [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search “cycling.”

## Driving Safety Tips

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.
- Follow the speed limit and be extra cautious when backing up.



## CURIOUS CITIZENS

### Can I list my home on Airbnb, VRBO, or Home Away?

No, short-term rentals are not permitted in Fairfax City. However, property owners in certain locations may rent out their single-family home or townhouse, in part or in full, for 30 consecutive days, with a Special Use Permit for a bed and breakfast.

Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "rental properties"), 703-385-7820.



## HELPING HANDS

### THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

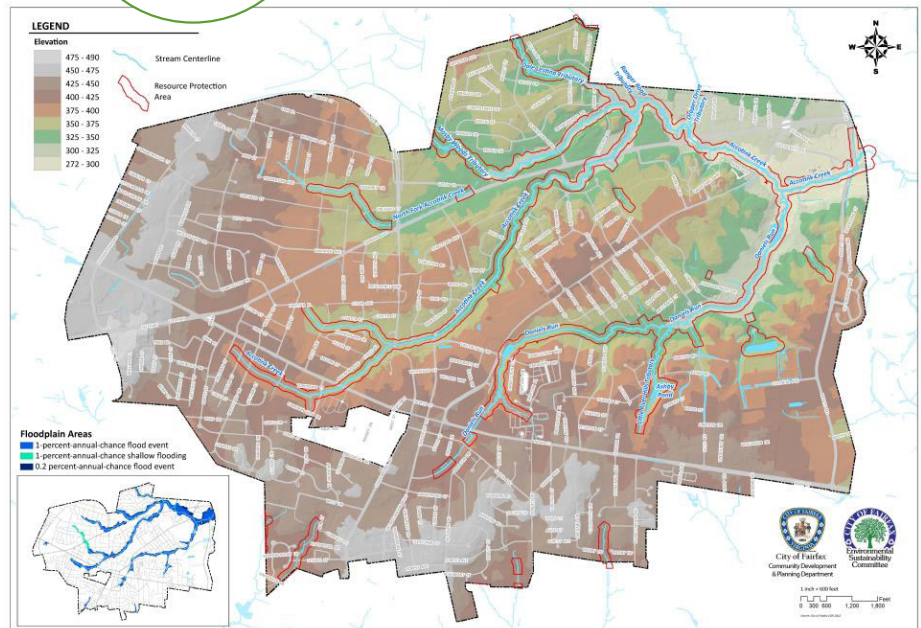
#### BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

**Board of Building Code Appeals** (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy), **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy), **Commission on the Arts** (two vacancies), **Community Appearance Committee** (five resident vacancies, one garden club representative), **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy), **Human Services Committee** (one vacancy), **Northern Virginia Community College Board** (one vacancy), **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy), **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy), **Planning Commission** (one vacancy).

To apply, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "boards and vacancies," or call 703-385-7935.



## Preserving Resource Protection Areas



A resource protection area, or RPA, includes the area 100 feet from the edge of a stream and serves as a natural buffer to protect water quality. Natural buffers promote a healthy ecology in and around streams by providing wildlife habitat and filtering storm-water runoff.

Some structures, yards, fences, and other developed features in the city are located in the RPA because they were present when the RPA was established; however, no new construction, mowing, landscaping, or other disturbance is allowed in these areas.

In Fairfax City, there are restrictions on use and removal of vegetation in RPA, even on private property. Protected vegetation includes fallen trees, understory plants, and brush. Woodlot management, such as removal of hazardous trees and invasive species, may be allowed through a permit. See Fairfax City's Chesapeake Bay Preserva-

tion Ordinance (pg. 208).

Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance").

Before engaging in any activity in the floodplain or RPA, please consult the Department of Community Development and Planning. Use the city's interactive mapping tool to see if an RPA is present on your property. Residents who willingly or unwillingly violate RPA must remedy the problem at their own expense.

Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "online mapping").





# A New, Equitable Way to Fund Stormwater Management

The City of Fairfax is considering implementing a Stormwater Utility to support the city's stormwater management program. As city drainage infrastructure ages and city regulatory compliance requirements continue to expand, costs associated with stormwater management continue to increase.

Additionally, the region recently experienced multiple significant rain events that have highlighted additional drainage improvement needs. The city's current Stormwater Fund offers limited flexibility for funding program priorities – flexibility that the city will need to address an ever-growing list of needs, including capital improvements for both water quality enhancement and flood control.

Like utilities for water and sanitary sewer, a Stormwater Utility (SWU) fee-for-service provides funding for stormwater management services. In this model, rate-payers are charged a fee based on the stormwater runoff impact generated by their respective properties, using impervious surface

area as the measurement of that impact. Properties with more impervious surfaces, which contribute more stormwater runoff to the storm drainage system, would pay a proportionally higher fee.

A SWU provides a dedicated funding source for existing stormwater management services and new capital projects to reduce sediment and nutrient pollution into our local waterways, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Twenty-eight Virginia jurisdictions have created stormwater utilities to fund their stormwater programs, rather than continuing to use a real estate tax set-aside or general fund revenues.

## Benefits of Implementing a Stormwater Utility

- Fees are more equitable because they are based on impervious surface calculations.
- Fees are shared by the community, including current untaxed properties that contribute runoff.
- Community service and stormwater-positive activities can be incentivized through a credit system.



**A stormwater utility creates a stable funding source for water quality and drainage improvement projects.**

- Allows greater funding flexibility and stable program costs.
- Allows for full funding of the stormwater program.

City residents and property owners are invited to learn more about the proposed SWU at [engage.fairfaxva.gov](https://engage.fairfaxva.gov). Tools are available to capture comments and questions.



## NEW EXHIBITION at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

A traveling exhibition from the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, “Determined: The 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality,” traces four centuries of Black history in Virginia through stories of extraordinary individuals who struggled for equality, and profoundly shaped the nature of American society and the meaning of our collective ideals.

Their stories help us understand the origins of today's problems and reckon with the painful legacies of slavery, segregation, and white supremacy. These determined individuals also inspire us to create a better future. “Determined” will be on display in the Gano Gallery through August 30.



## IV=III=IN THE ARTS

### BRIEF SHAKESPEARE



If music be the food of love, play on! Join the City of Fairfax Theatre Company at Veterans Amphitheater and enjoy a whirlwind of Shakespeare performances in the city!

Directed by Olivia Hinebaugh and co-directed by Stephen Shetler and Justin Winters, The Brief Shakespeare Festival consists of three groups of student actors performing some of Shakespeare's greatest works. Each group will perform two 15-minute versions of different plays while playing several characters each. Each production will be bookended with monologues, sonnets, or scenes performed by adults. There will be music, food, laughs, tears, magic, love, and more. Performances begin at 6 p.m. at Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong Street.

- Sunday, August 1
- Friday, August 6
- Saturday, August 7
- Sunday, August 8

Rain dates: August 4, 5, 13, 14.

Purchase tickets (\$25/adult; \$15/child) at [fairfaxcitytheatre.org](http://fairfaxcitytheatre.org).



National Dance Day (9/18) is celebrating its eleventh year. This annual celebration dedicated to dance encourages Americans of all ages to incorporate dance into their lives. Join us at Old Town Square as we learn a routine and have a blast dancing with members of our community! Free admission.



Shoestring Theatre Company is performing *The Frenchman* at 7 p.m. on August 27 and 28 at Veterans Amphitheater.

In far southwest Virginia, where the Clinch River cuts a wide swath through the lush mountains, aristocrat and French coal engineer Pierre Du Tubeuf staked his future on a new life of peace and prosperity. He had traveled from Paris with letters of introduction from the Marquis de Lafayette and five families he convinced to move to America. But nothing was as he planned. This is the incredible true story that has taken three centuries to tell. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. Info, advance tickets: [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) (search "Frenchman").

### Music and Children's Programs

**The Main Street Community Band** is performing at 7:30 p.m. on August 12 at Veterans Amphitheater. Music for everyone to enjoy!

**Kidz Korner at Old Town Square:** 10:30 -11:30 a.m., Saturdays

**Funday Monday at Old Town Hall:** 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Find more programs and performances at [fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts](http://fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts) 703-352-ARTS (2787).



Together



Two Cardinals

### From Bland to Grand!

Two new wrapped signal boxes are adding a splash of color in the city. The Commission on the Arts reviewed proposals from artists and selected designs for boxes located at Route 123/Armstrong and University/Sager.

"Wrapping signal boxes is a great way to add interest and fun to an everyday object!" said Cultural Arts Manager Megan DuBois. All signalized intersections have an olive green or gray box to house electronics. The color blends into the surroundings by design. "When we wrap them, we add a little bit of beauty and color to the community. It is also a great way to celebrate the artistic talent that lives in Northern Virginia!" added DuBois.

"Public art is used as an avenue for sending positive messages, about connection, about unification, and about change," says *Together* artist Kelly Snyder. "This piece represents past and present human connection through art. *Together* we are united."

The artists provided the designs, and wraps were made in-house. If you're a local artist and want to be included on future calls for public art, email [megan.dubois@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:megan.dubois@fairfaxva.gov).

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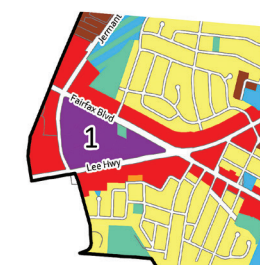
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## Kamp Washington Planning Underway



More than 50 people attended the first public meeting for the Kamp Washington Small Area Plan on June 9. The project team reviewed the activity center's current land uses, historical setting, and economic and transportation challenges and opportunities. Cunningham Quill Architects presented initial observations that will help inform the findings in the forthcoming small area plan, anticipated to be considered by city council in summer 2022.

Attendees' common questions and concerns included preserving and creating open space, addressing transportation challenges for both vehicular and non-vehicular transportation, anticipated neighborhood and building design in future developments, and how to encourage new businesses to come to Kamp Washington while protecting existing ones.

The project team met with the planning commission on July 26 and with city council on July 27 to discuss their analysis. The next public meeting will occur sometime in the fall. To stay informed about Kamp Washington, visit the project page on Engage Fairfax ([engage.fairfaxva.gov/kamp-washington-small-area-plan](http://engage.fairfaxva.gov/kamp-washington-small-area-plan)). Use the tools to ask questions and leave comments for the project team. The meeting was recorded, and the video is available on the page.